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(b) The Central Government has been advising all the State/UT Governments to strictly implement all the security guidelines circulated by this Ministry earlier in order to avoid recurrence of such incidents in future.

Compensation to person who helped victims of bomb blasts

1566. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one person, who helped in rescuing victims of local train blasts in Mumbai on 11th July, 2006, is reported to have later died and his family has been denied any compensation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to compensate his family for his service and valiant efforts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL). (a) to (c) As per available information, the legal heirs of one person namely Shri Rajesh Pravin Rathod, who helped in rescuing victims of the local trains blasts in Mumbai on 11th July, 2006, have been paid Rs. one lakh as compensation by the Government of Maharashtra.

Fake claims regarding Mumbai train blasts

1567. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some fake persons claimed bodies of victim of Mumbai local train blasts of 11th July, 2006 and received compensation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) As per available information, one such case has come to notice. The dead body of a person was claimed

by a fake person-named Mr. Sagar Sunil Vyaparis from Thane District to be that of his father on 12.7.2006 and he was also paid compensation of Rs. one lakh as he had produced the death certificate and the cremation report. However, on 15.7.2006 when a person named Mr. Mittal Jitendra Gandhi from Mumbai approached the police as his father was missing, the police showed him the belongings recovered from various dead bodies. Out of these belongings, this person identified his father's railway photopass and the visiting card. The police showed him the photographs of the dead bodies, out of which he identified one to be that of his father. The police traced the dead body to the fake claimant and filed the FIR No. 240/06 against the fake person and his wife under Sections 419, 420, 201, 205, 181 and 114 of the IPC on 18.7.2006. The compensation cheque was recovered. The rightful claimant has since been given compensation.

Freedom fighters in the country

1568. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of freedom fighters in India, as on 30th November, 2006, State-wise;

(b) whether Union Government are actively considering extension of the Freedom Fighter Pension Scheme to the aged, old life partners of freedom fighters; and

(c) the number of freedom fighters expected to decrease/increase annually, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Since the inception of the Scheme in 1972, pension has been sanctioned to about 1,69,969 freedom fighters and their eligible dependents till 30.11.2006. A Statement indicating the State-wise number is enclosed (See below). This Ministry does not have the exact number of freedom fighters and their eligible dependents presently living and drawing pension.

(b) The *Swantatrata Sainik Samman* Pension Scheme, 1980 already provides for grant of dependent family pension to spouses (widows/widowers), unmarried & unemployed daughters (upto maximum three) and parents of deceased freedom fighters (as also of martyrs).